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Kleinert's employees receive letter terminating their employment

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Most, if not all, Kleinert's employees in Elba were recently given a letter dated May 2, 2003 and continuing until this facility is closed. It further stated that these Elba positions will be eliminated between May 5, 2003 and May 19, 2003.

down some of its operations at the Elba, Alabama facility commencing on Monday, May 5, 2003 and continuing until this facility is closed. It further stated that these Elba positions will be eliminated between May 5, 2003 and May 19, 2003.

Kleinert's began operations in Elba a little over 30 years ago and company employment grew to about 1,000 before most American sewing operations began the move to foreign countries. Employment has steadily declined from that point to

it agreement was declared in default around the first of January. However the lenders agreed not to take action against the companies for a period of time and thus Kleinert's was able to continue to operate.

The employees were told that since confidentiality was essential to the success of the search for additional financial support and to thus save the company and keep it open and operational, management had been unable to provide the above information to the employees any earlier.

The May 2nd letter was one day after final refusal from the primary lenders to extend the senior secured credit agreement and management was unable to secure alternate long range financing.

Kleinert's declaration and the May 2nd letter, the company reportedly sought to persuade the lenders to continue financing a restructuring or sale of the company, but on May 1st, company officials were advised that other than the payment of salaries and certain related expenses through May

According to the May 2nd letter, some of the employees may be asked to stay on regular with the May 10th date "to assist with the final shutdown process after which their employment will cease."

The termination letter indicated to employees that the company's senior secured credit

as war against methamphetamine epidemic continues

Officers continue to make drug arrests

A joint effort between the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department recently resulted in the arrests of eight individuals as officers continued their seizure of methamphetamine.

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FUN RUN FOR ALL AGES... The "Celebrate... Elba 150" Fun Run/Walk was held Saturday, May 3, and proved to be an adventure for all ages. While some participants chose to finish as quickly as possible, others took a leisurely walk around downtown Elba. The participants gathered at the Elba Senior Citizens Center early Saturday morning, and the threat of rain probably had everyone moving in a higher gear. The quickest time of the morning was just over six minutes while those in the rear of the pack finished just under 20 minutes. Above, Doris Cooper, the event's oldest participant leads a group of walkers around the first section of the mile route. Those following closely include Miss Elba Anna Anderson, Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley and "Celebrate... Elba 150" committee chairman Jimmy Harrison. Also shown in the background are participants Tina Morgan, Neil Granham and Beth Henderson. Additional pictures from the event can be found on Page 3.

The arrests occurred during a time span of Tuesday, April 15, through Thursday, May 1.

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Randy Tolbert, age 36, of 22846 Hwy. 82, Union Springs, was also arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$4,000 bond.

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paraphernalia.

Catherine Marie Colon, age 37, of 1881 County Road 117, Arinton, was arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance first degree, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of marijuana second degree. She was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$4,000 bond.

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With questions of funding lingering

Coffee County BOE decides to be patient and hopeful

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, May 1, with the question of funding on everyone's mind.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she had been involved in a superintendent's meeting earlier in the week with Gov. Bob Riley and State Superintendent Ed Richardson in which Ingram said she returned from that meeting with Riley's request on her mind.

Ingram said she would call a meeting or meetings before these dates.

The discussion of capital projects finally reached the point of awarding the bid Thursday evening as ZeDot of Wetumpka received the job of remodeling the office area and library at Zion Chapel Elementary School, installing the air conditioning unit at the New Brockton High School auditorium and replacing the wiring at Kinston.

If we don't have a guarantee in funding, there are going to be some cuts," she said.

Cuts do need to be made, Ingram said, the board will look at doing this by a reduction in

The company's low bid was \$348,999, and Ingram rec-

ommended the board accept this bid with the option to negotiate this value for engineering.

After awarding the project to ZeDot, the superintendent said the money used to fund these projects is earmarked and can only be used for capital improvement projects.

Ingram said she hopes the company will be able to begin the project around the first of June and complete them while the students are out for the summer vacation.

The board approved several personnel changes Thursday evening including the acceptance of six different retirement requests. The matters accepted included:

* Accept the retirement of Diane English, second grade teacher at New-Brockton Elementary School, effective

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Area Happenings

NEWS BRIEF
The Coffee County Elba Dilston Grand Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, April 29.

The Grand Jury Impeached into a total of 105 cases and brought down 94 indictments with 73 of those being felonies and 21 being misdemeanor charges. The Grand Jury Dismissed 17 no bills and no cases were contributed for further investigation.

Arrangements for indictment resulted in the following by the Grand Jury: 20 indictments were filed in the state courts and 75 were filed in the county courts.

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EDITORIAL

DRUGS

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BRAINSTORMS with Ferrin Cox

Bad news seems to bring more bad news these days. During the past weekend the rumors began circulating of a permanent shutdown at Kleiner's of Elba. Monday and Tuesday it became more than a rumor as employees began packing up their personal belongings and taking them home for the last time. Company officials were guarded in their statements of what was going on and basically said that the May 2nd letter given to employees would be the company's statement at this time. Kleiner's has been a good community supporter during their time here and the jobs furnished by this nationwide sewing operation have fed and clothed a lot of the community's children. We accepted the shift of their sewing work to Central America as part of a changing society, but this apparent complete shutdown of another major U.S. employer should be a wakeup call to all Americans.

Annually a rather large group of Coffee County fishermen travel to South Florida for a week of bream fishing. That usually is followed by a huge fish fry for family and friends. One of the original members of this group was Elba attorney Jackson W. (Bill) Stokes. Well this year Bill didn't make the trip . . . said his health wouldn't allow him to sit on a boat all day. Therefore his "former" fishing buddies picked out the very largest bream caught and brought it back to Elba just for Bill. Now understand, they didn't present it to him on ice or fried, or even dressed, etc., but hanging on the radio antenna of his truck. As a fisherman, we can tell you . . . that was an insult and calls for severe retaliation but Bill just laughed. He probably looked at the monster hanging on his truck and had flashbacks of sitting on his boat in the hot sun, slapping at biting yellow flies and/or mosquitoes with one hand and trying to land another of those big bream with the light fishing rig he enjoys using. All the while he was probably remembering act balancing, he was performing with an open can of potted meat and a few broken saline crackers on his worm juice stained pants leg.

Elba officials continue to court potential new and/or expanded industry for the community and come away feeling good about their presentations and the incentive package offered. However, time and time again Elba is number two on the list and left by the roadside as these new companies locate somewhere "closer to . . . well closer to something or another". During the last several weeks they have put their best foot forward again. No positive answer has been received as of press time, but then neither has a negative answer been heard, indicating it is all right to keep our fingers crossed. Regardless of the ultimate outcome of this latest venture, or the next ten, Elba city officials are working closely with industry and with state agencies in an effort to create more and good paying jobs in the community. We salute them and their efforts.



TIGER TWIRLERS TAKE SECOND...These Tiger Twirlers recently competed at the Ms. Majorette of the South regional twirling contest in Wetumpka, Ala. The group won second place in the Junior Dance Twirl division. They have been twirling for two and a half years and are students of Julie Parish. Those pictured include: (kneeling, l to r) - Kelly Corder, Gabby Pope and Caitlin Calhoun; (standing, l to r) - Jo McBride, Corbin Lee, Shelly Brunson and Taylor Creel. Not pictured is Ashley Bailey.

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Elba Police Report

patched to 816 Putman St (6:58 a.m.). Prowler reported at 245 Counts Rd (6:19 a.m.)

THURSDAY, MAY 1 - River stage - 9.53 feet (6:31 a.m.). Disturbance reported on Payne St. (7:39 a.m.). Two vehicle wreck reported in the Dairy Queen parking lot (12:53 p.m.)

FRIDAY, MAY 2 - River stage - 8.27 feet (6:28 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the intersection of Yelverton St. and Hwy. 84 E. (11:05 a.m.). Report of a gun discharged at Birch's Trailer Court (11:47 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MAY 3 - River stage - 7.31 feet (6:35 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to 245 County Rd. 367 (8:17 a.m.). One-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 189N (9:08 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 189N (9:10 a.m.). Alarm activated at 1444 Cherokee (10:58 a.m.). Loud music reported at Elba Villas (5:09 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 4 - Loud music reported on Rebecca Lane (12:48 a.m.). River stage - 7.91 feet (6:00 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 706 Putman St (8:08 p.m.).

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 28 - River stage - 13.09 feet (6:43 a.m.).

Police activity

TUESDAY, APR. 29 - River stage - 13.28 feet (6:13 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to cleanup a diesel spill in front of Head 2 Toe Salon (12:37 p.m.). Wreck reported on Rees Ave (5:46 p.m.). Report of a fight about to take place at Birch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Dr. (11:43 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APR. 30 - River stage - 12.58 feet (6:46 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dis-

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* ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

* ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall

* WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall

* ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Board meeting

* 15th ANNUAL UNITED ASSN. - Tues. & Fri. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

* ROTARY SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

* COFFEE COUNTY COMMIS- SION - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. Community Room, Fair Center Complex @ New Brockton

* ELBA MUSEUM ASSN. - Tues. & Fri. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

* COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m. - Super. Offic

* AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday - 7 p.m. - Hwy. 189N

* MASONIC LODGE #70 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Hwy. 189N

* BAND OF THE COAST GUARD - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Hwy. 189N

* VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - 3rd Mon. - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. New Brockton @ Farm Coop Complex 894-8538

* COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Hwy. 189N

* REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. - Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

* ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

* AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night - 7 p.m. - Hwy. 189N

* ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

* NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Now on Sale at the Chamber Office:

* Elba Car Tags - \$5.00 * Chamber Membership Lists - \$5.00

* 2002 Elba Christmas Ornament featuring the Crooked Bridge - \$10.00

* Hand Towels featuring the Historic County Courthouse - \$10.00

* City Afghan featuring Elba landmarks - \$50.00

"Celebrate Elba 150" Items:

* T-shirt - \$15.00 * Lapel Pins - \$1.00

* Banners - \$10.00 (Plain) or \$80.00 (With Name)

Elba Chamber of Commerce (334) 897-3125

Kaye Whitworth, executive director

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the last day of school;

* Accept the retirement of Margie Treadwell, teacher at New Brockton High School. Her last day of work will be May 30;

* Enter into a contract with Margie Treadwell to teach three class periods daily for the 2003-04 school year;

* Accept the resignation of Jamie Wiggins as Head Softball Coach only. Wiggins will retain her other job assignments.

* Approved on-of-state travel for the Parliamentary Procedure Team from New Brockton Elementary School and New Brockton High School. The team placed first in the state and will travel to Philadelphia, Pa. to compete in the national competition;

* Approved the retiring of Wanita Pock, library aide at both New Brockton Elementary School and New Brockton High School. Her retirement is effective May 30;

* Accept the resignation of Rebecca Jackson, secretary/bookkeeper at Zion Chapel High School. Her last day of employment was April 11;

* Approved holding summer school at New Brockton High School for grades 7-12.

* Declared three buses and several computers and equipment as surplus/property for sale. Also declared 7/07 Ford dump truck and a broken John Deere lawn mower as surplus.

* Approve the retirement of Diane Smith, aide at Zion Chapel Elementary School, effective May 30;

* Approve the retirement of George Jones Concert September 6.

* "Semiquennial" Ball King/Queen Crowned September 25.

* Chamber Banquet "150" October 11.

* Grand Celebration October 12.

* Reception November - Date TBA

"150" Years Play

"Celebrate... Elba 150" Fun Run/Walk pictures...



FUN RUN WINNERS... There were several different winning categories for the "Celebrate... Elba 150" Fun Run/Walk, and the winners of each included (from left): Sonya Bedsole (6-24), Ages 11-55; Katie Vaughan (6-25), Ages 19-29; Joel and Ann Cline (34-45), Ages 30-40; Mark Wells (10-51), Ages 9-12; Betty Hicks (12-27), ages 55 & Up; Reagan Kelley (11-39), ages 5-8; Cameron Irvin and Jason Curran (7-50), ages 13-18. Also pictured is Drina Cooper, the oldest contestant. The youngest contestant was Grace Cline, and the two contestants traveling the longest distance to participate were Elizabeth Bedsole and Chip Griffith from Tuscaloosa.



Beth Henderson gives it her all and still has a smile on her face as she jogs through the final stretch of the mile long course while Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley keeps pace in front.

Despite a threat of rain a large group was on hand last Saturday morning to participate in the Fun Run/Walk.

Called to Duty and Serving Their Country

Randolph Shon Willis

Ronnie Davis

Demetria Siler

Jason Jordan

Jason Thomas

Edward Jonathan Tillis

Michael A. DeSandro

Marian Smith

David Head Jr.

Jeremy Blenn

Bradford Ashley

Chad Chancellor

Asher Ellison Simmons

Dexter Watkins

Melody Byrd Bryant

Kerry Hardy

Timothy A. Larmore

James Kenneth (Buck) Simmons

Willie (Ray) Slawson

Christopher Bradley Bush

Anthony Shay Johnston

William Shaine Farris

Michael L. Ezell

Jason P. Bowden

Marsall Lawson

Joe Fuller

Jeffrey Eldredge

Pernell Terry

Jephtha DuBose

William R. Mote

Joseph Brooks Creel

Kerry Hardy

...from the moment she

first saw you. And those

beautiful eyes of hers still

do. On Mother's Day,

CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Childrens Choirs at First Baptist to present "Splash Kingdom" musical Wednesday, May 14

Dive on in! Children's choirs from First Baptist Church of Elba will be presenting the musical "Splash Kingdom" on Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. "Splash Kingdom" is a musical about heaven and how to get there. The story takes place at the Splash Kingdom Water Park as kids learn that before they can enter the park, they must be "certified." In order to become "certified," they must pass the course called Lifesaving 101. This ensures

that their names are written in the Lifeguard's Book of Life. The cast will include Bradley Baker as Peter, Jamison Casteel as Gabriel, Griffin Casteel as Jonathan, Farmer April Finomore, Ashley Bailey, Rhonda Brinson and Jeff Ellis. Minister to students is Anne Cline, Minister of Music is Anthony Stewart, and the pastor is Roger Miller. Everyone is invited to attend this performance and all activities and worship services held at First Baptist Church.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. John Baxter
Elba United Methodist Church

TV anchorman Dan Rather has traveled throughout the world to report on most of the major events of our time. He has been witness to wars, natural disasters, and man's inhumanity to man. In his book, the camera never blinks twice. Rather tells of a moment from the Vietnam war that still haunts him. The year was 1965, and he was touring a hospital ship near South Vietnam. His guide took him below-deck to a large room filled with soldiers recovering from amputations. He describes the horror he felt as he observed row upon row of young men lying there in bandages. All were horribly wounded and in tremendous pain. Most men moaned, a few cried out, and the one name the men cried out constantly was, "mother." When their suffering was so great as to be unbearable, they didn't call for a doctor or a nurse. They called for their mothers. Rather comments that in our very worst moments, when we are most desperate for comfort, we turn to the first love we ever knew, that of our mothers.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Sam Setton, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Sam Setton, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Ebie Phillips-Cope, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:00 p.m.

BROWNSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John H. Baster, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Rev. Bill Minster
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. Andrew Smith
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Services.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERY TABERNACLE
Rev. Allen Burrows, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon.....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Ebie Phillips-Cope, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News
Sponsors: Lori Cotney & Lynn Baker

Don't count the chickens yet

by Brett Parrish

The end of the year has stuck up on us once again, and this means many different things to many different people.

A new group of seventh graders move to the high school campus. Seniors will start over as freshmen in college.

The end of the year signifies many new beginnings, but we're not there yet. Don't count your chickens before they hatch.

So for the next few weeks, turn in your homework and continue to study. Your grades still count!

If you just have to "prepare" for summer, clean out your lockers and start marking days off on your calendar. Do something good over summer vacation, because just like the end of the school year sneaks up on you, so will the end of the summer. Then a new school year will begin again. See you then!

New Brockton's first Spring Musical considered a success

by John Sawyer

Over the past few weeks, a small group of New Brockton High School students, along with several adult sponsors, put together and performed a musical review on the Broadway musicals, "The Wiz" and "Little Shop of Horrors."

The performances were on Friday and Saturday on the week of the 18th and 19th. They also performed a show for the kindergarten through sixth grade students on Thursday 24th. All three performances were a huge success.

Not only was the crowd entertained, but the actors themselves

NBHS Students of the Month



Joseph Sawyer – Joseph, a senior, is the son of Joe and Cathy Sawyer of New Brockton. He is involved in the Media Club, Beta Club, SGA, and was a member of the Gamecock Varsity Football team.

Delora Moore – Delora is the daughter of Deborah Williams of New Brockton. She is a senior at NBHS and is involved in Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, Science Club, Beta Club, Yearbook Staff, Tri-M, and was the NBHS Gamecock Mascot this past year.

Lance Wood – Lance is the son of Keith and Gwen Smith of Goodman. He is a junior this year at NBHS.

Exchange student named national award winner

Miguel Pauyac, a foreign exchange student from Peru, has been living with a local family and attending New Brockton High School this school year.

Miguel is a shy polite and very hard-working student, playing as the team's kicker, a job that he performed remarkably well.

Not only did Miguel participate in Gamecock athletics, but also he managed to keep all A's and B's this school year. In fact, the United States Achievement Academy announced that Miguel has been named an All-American Scholar.

The U.S.A.A. has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholar must earn a 3.0 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or



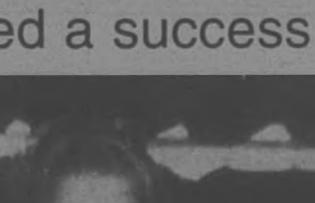
other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the U.S.A.A.

Miguel is the son of Miguel and Hilda Pauyac of Lima, Peru. New Brockton High School has been honored to have him as a

member of our student body this year.

Miguel will return to Peru on June 3, but hopes to return to the United States to attend college and get a degree in engineering. He will definitely be missed. Good luck Miguel!

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The recent hot temperatures sent both the Mularz girls looking in their closets to find their swimming suits from last summer. I told them both that last year's suits would have to do until summer really arrived, and luckily they both found suits that fit. With the city pool scheduled to open in just a week, I am sure they will remind me that I promised them both new suits. Oh well, I just wish they would let me pick 'em out!

SWINGS AND MISSES....

*** The Elba Tigers saw one of their late inning comebacks fall just short last week in a 6-4 playoff loss to Holtville that sent the Tigers packing with a final record of 9-9. The Tigers had managed only three base runners through the first six innings and appeared hopelessly behind as they trailed 6-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh, but the Tigers rallied to plate four runs in their final at-bat and were just one umpires' call and one hit away from possibly pulling off the win. The umpires' call that ended the game was a judgment call and even if you want to you can't argue a judgment call for very long, while the top of the Elba team would have been coming up with men on second and third in a 6-4 ball game. You never know what would have happened; however, the Tigers played many close games throughout the season and won several in their last at-bat. I guess the odds finally caught up with them. Oh well, while the season was a disappointment, it did cap off quite a career for a number of Elba High seniors that have been varsity players since the eighth grade and everyone involved in Elba Tiger baseball should tip their caps to this fine group of young men that sacrificed for so long to help make Elba Tiger baseball a winner.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers capped off a 21-2 regular season with two wins last week and have without a doubt put the Lady Tigers on the map for years to come in the new world of fast-pitch softball. Two years ago the decision was made to make the change to the new sport a year ahead of the state mandate, and it has been obvious that the extra year has paid dividends. With only two seniors on the team, the future looks bright for the Elba Lady Tigers if a team to watch for many more years to come.

*** I will have to admit that I was surprised Saturday afternoon when Alabama president Robert Witt announced that he had terminated Coach Mike Price as the school's head football coach. I know that everyone had heard the rumors about Coach Price's visit to the state last Monday afternoon, but it appeared as if the Tigers had at least one more wild win up their sleeves.

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Elba Tiger third-baseball Ralston Moore pulls in a grounder. The Tigers fell to Holtville 6-4 in the second round of the 3A playoffs last week to close the season with a record of 9-9.

Elba Tiger first-baseball Rick Smith stretches to make an out at first. Smith helped the Tigers rally late in the game last Monday in a 6-4 playoff loss to Holtville that ended the Tigers' season.

Late rally falls just short

Elba Tigers ousted by Holtville 6-4

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6. Benjamin Russell (29-11)
7. St. Pauls (25-12)
8. Gadsden City (28-11)
9. Mortimer Jordan (31-11)
10. Saks (36-14)
10. Wilson (23-7)
10. Muscle Shoals (29-14)

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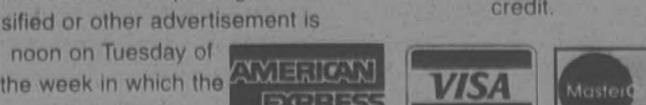
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During New Brockton Town Council meeting
Council members hear complaint of vulgarity in one neighborhood

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, May 5, and the group listened as one citizen reported a continuing problem with vulgar noise in his neighborhood.

Former town councilman Ricky Strickland addressed the members and said there is a continuing problem with vulgar talking between the residents of a house and mobile home in his neighborhood.

Strickland said although he is no longer a council member, he still receives phone calls with complaints about the noise and he agreed to come and speak with the council concerning this matter.

After allowing council members to hear a taped example of the ongoing problem, Strickland said he personally has called the law several times to come out and put an end to the situation.

He said, at times, the noise is so loud that he can hear the yelling inside his home with the doors and windows shut and the television on.

Cole also said another of the police vehicles was in need of mechanical work, therefore, he asked for the council's permission to borrow approximately \$5,000 to have both vehicles repaired.

He also said one of the residences has a fire burning every night without first acquiring a burn permit which is now required in New Brockton.

"This is an every night occurrence, and it goes into the wee hours of the night," Strickland said.

He said the vehicle in which Cole said the diagnosis called for a new motor.

He said the warranty went out at 36,000 miles and the vehicle currently has just over 41,000 miles.

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After a lengthy discussion, council members decided to have the vehicle inspected at Cook Ford in Elba to see exactly what needed to be done. At that point, a decision would be made about what to do to get the vehicles repaired.

In other business, the council:

• Discussed a drainage problem on Medley Road in which Cole said he had asked the county engineer to look at it to see what was being done.

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Grimesley's motion passed by a 4-3 vote with commissioners Grimesley, Linda Westbrook, Kayo Lewis and Bernest Brooks voting in favor and Dalrymple, Thompson and Robert Stephens voting against it.

His motion received a second from commissioner Bernest Brooks, but commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he felt the commission should stay in line with the previous motion to purchase two vehicles.

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